

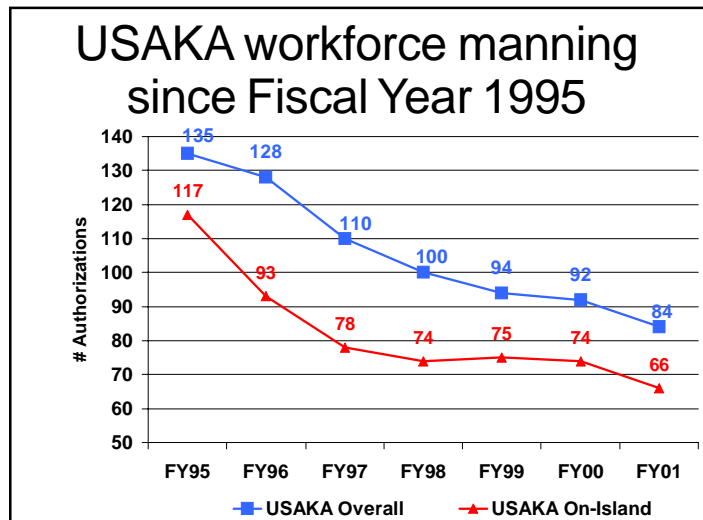
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USAKA workforce changing in size, experience



(Graph courtesy of USAKA)

Since 1995, the USAKA workforce has shrunk significantly, as shown on this graph using figures from the first quarter of fiscal year 2001. Some positions have been absorbed by contractors, moved to Huntsville or eliminated altogether over the years.

By Peter Rejcek

Associate Editor

In the latter half of the 1990s and into this decade, the staff at USAKA has worked under the maxim of "doing more with less."

Since 1995, the total number of authorized USAKA employees has dropped from 135 to 84 in fiscal year 2001. In addition, turnover is stealing a lot of experience in the Department of the Army civilian workforce, in large part due to the rule that limits these employees to five-year terms overseas.

"There's a big turnover of people, experience in the labor force, especially in the civilian sector," conceded Olen Lawson, USAKA deputy garrison commander and chief of staff.

For example, out of about 48 permanent DoA civilians, about 20

to 25 percent are affected by the five-year rule, according to Lawson. A few of these employees have been here since at least the early 1990s, though some go back to the mid-80s. Also, there are nine civilian vacancies, including three general engineer jobs, said Susie Jorgensen, USAKA Civilian Personnel assistant.

USAKA is seeking a waiver for one employee who has hit the five-year ceiling until a new employee can come out and be trained. Jorgensen said the waiver has to come from SMDC commanding general, Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Cosumano Jr.

"That's what we're trying to do," she said. "There's no guarantee we'll get it."

Lawson said the local com-
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Post Office delivering new, refurbished boxes to residents

By Peter Rejcek

Associate Editor

The Post Office at Kwajalein is delivering a new look straight to residents' mailboxes over the next month.

Workers with FOM started removing the first section of mailboxes last week in a project to refurbish all the boxes and replace the doors with new stainless steel models. The job is expected to take about five weeks.

"It's going to extend the life of the boxes for another 10 years," said Spc. Jovanny Alicea, Postal Effects custodian.

The good news is that no one is losing his or her post office box number; addresses remain unchanged. However, to make the transition from the old boxes to the new, the location of yours is changing.

This is how it's going to work:

There are six sections of mailboxes at the Post Office. Sections will be removed one at a time, so that they can be sandblasted and repainted with anti-corrosive by FOM, according to Alicea. Once a section of boxes has been replaced, the new doors will be installed.

The first section that was removed last week,

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(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

From right to left, FOM's Robert Najera, Ruben Dan and Marcel Escoto remove the doors on Post Office mailboxes located at the rear of the building. Stainless steel doors are being installed and boxes themselves refurbished over the next five weeks.

Editorial

Bounced check causes a rebound of bad experiences

Well, of course I didn't know it was a pot patch growing under my kitchen window. I thought it was just a little garden of wild flowers with blue blooms. I had nurtured it for three years. But, that's another story.

By the time I left for Kwajalein about this time last year, I felt like a fugitive — like I was outrunning the long arm of the law. Because, somewhere between the pot patch incident and wheels-up out of Atlanta, I also bounced a check for the first time.

I deposited a check into an account I use only occasionally, through a credit union ATM. That was on a Sunday, and I wrote a \$40 check against it later that afternoon at K-Mart. I thought the deposit would be credited the next morning. Who knew these ATM deposits first take a cross-country interstate spree across the United States that makes the Amtrak system look sluggish and lethargic? Next thing I know, my name is mud all over town.

I called the Customer Representative for Derelict Account Holders at the credit union. She was tough. The woman probably chases cats. "Look lady, we've already collected our 20 bucks for return fees and others are waiting to collect more, so you need to call K-Mart," she spoke down to me from her pedestal of superiority. I pictured a bone yard under



the window outside her cubicle — a little graveyard where she buries her kill.

I called K-Mart. The customer rep there was not K-Mart friendly. "We've already turned it over to our corporate collection office in Chicago," she said, and gave me a number to call. I couldn't help noticing that it was not an 800 number. I bet if I was applying for a K-Mart credit card, there would be an 800 number, but not for derelict customers who have already paid good money in the store. (Well, I thought I had paid good money. Apparently not.) Anyway, I said, "Wow, that was fast. Why didn't someone call me?"

"We don't do that."

I called Chicago. A young man named Tom was nice. I told him my name and that I owed him a lot of money.

"Cool."

He said collection actions on my bad check had been forwarded to a national collection agency in Corpus Christi, Texas.

"Really? Why didn't someone call me?" "No way." He explained how it works, "Here's the thing. The Rubber Check Recovery Cartel keeps the unemployment rate down. It has teams of players dribbling your rubber check up and down the court of penalties, and their goal is to sink you for more money. So, if the merchant called time out directly to the customer with the bad check ... like, that would eliminate jobs for a lot of Americans, yeah?"

"The Rubber Check Recovery Cartel?" I repeated.

"The R.C.R.C. If your name is on their books ... like, the only thing worse is being a smoker," Tom said.

"What if I'm both?" I had to ask.

"Whoa."

He gave me another phone number in Texas and my reference number. ("Assigning reference numbers is probably a full-time job for someone, too," I thought.)

I called Corpus Christi. Adolina answered the phone.

"Good morning, Adolina. My name is blah, blah, blah and my inmate number ... I mean my reference number is blah, blah and apparently I owe you some money."

Although I could hear Tom Petty's "Don't Come Around Here No More" playing in the background, Adolina was very nice,

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Buckminster and Friends — By Sabrina Mumma



Post office boxes to keep same addresses ...

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located at the back corner of the post office building, had not been in use for some time, Alicea said. Once it's refurbished and returned, which will take about a week, residents with box numbers in the 1300s to 1800s will receive those boxes.

Then, the section that was just vacated will be removed and the process will start again. To find out where your new post office box will be, look at it this way: Face your box and look to your left. The next section over is your new location.

The last section to be redone and moved contains the first box numbers, beginning with box No. 1, which belongs to the USAKA commander. In that location, next

to the package pick-up windows, Alicea said they'll probably put a bulletin board.

"It should be an easy transition," he said.

The Post Office will send out notices to residents in their boxes further explaining the procedure. Customers should also keep an eye on the roller and the *Hourglass* to learn when their box is to be switched over, Alicea said, adding that the public is asked to be patient during this transition.

"This is as new for us as it is for anybody," Alicea said.

New keys will be issued with the new boxes. Keys can be picked up from the Post Office's finance department during regular hours. At that time, postal clerks will also update each customer's file in

regard to telephone numbers, who is authorized to use the mailbox and any other vital information, according to Alicea.

Patricia Bell, Post Office Finance clerk, said that some people have been on island for quite some time and a lot of information has changed, such as their place of business and current marital status.

"It would be good to update that," she said.

Alicea said it would help the Post Office if residents could pick up their mail, especially packages, as soon as possible, as space is tight right now. About 20,000 pounds of mail arrived over a three-day period last week amidst all of the ATI flight delays.

The large post office boxes at

the rear of the building next to the employee entrance will also be replaced as part of the project, Alicea said. Most of those boxes are assigned to organizations. These box holders will temporarily be assigned to smaller boxes when that section is removed. Clerks will notify these customers they have mail by putting a slip of paper in their box, Alicea said.

To accommodate all of the work traffic and summer vacation package rush, Alicea said the post office is going to temporarily locate a storage container at the rear of the building to hold vacation mail. He said the department can always use volunteers at this time of the year, as well as during the Christmas crush.

Range operation set for Thursday

From Range Safety Office

A range operation is scheduled for Thursday. Caution times are 7:01 p.m. Thursday to 4:01 a.m. Friday.

In conjunction with this operation, caution areas will exist within and outside Kwajalein Atoll. See maps in Friday's *Hourglass* for specific details.

In order to ensure clearance of non-mission support personnel from the mid-atoll corridor by the window opening time, Kwajalein police island clearance procedures will continue until evacuation has been accomplished. Egress of all air and seacraft will be required when requested by authorized clearance personnel. Subsequent to lagoon clearance, the hazard area will be in effect until mission completion.

In the event of a mission slip, the caution times and areas will be in effect for the following days:

- 7:01 p.m. Friday, July 27, through 4:01 a.m. Saturday, July 28.

- 7:01 p.m. Saturday, July 28, through 4:01 a.m. Sunday, July 29.

Questions regarding the above safety requirements for this mission should be directed to the Command Safety Office, range safety officer, 51361.

Next time, charge it ...

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too. "Yes, ma'am. I need to collect \$147."
"\$147!! Why? I only bounced a check for \$40."

"Yes, ma'am, but there's [this] charge, and there's [that] charge..."

"Okay, Adolina. Give me your mailing address and I'll mail a check out tomorrow."

There was silence on Adolina's end of the line. "Uhh ... Ms. Fantasia ... uhh ... I'm sorry ... but it has to be a money order. We can't take a check."

"Oh ... well ... of course not," I stammered. "That makes sense. I mean, I guess you don't want another check from me to make good on my bad one, right?"

"No, ma'am."

So, my \$40 worth of detergent and paper products at K-Mart ended up costing me over three times that much. Relaying all this to my friend later, she suggested I take everything back to K-Mart and get a \$40 refund. ("What an interesting, twisted mind she has," I thought.) But, I had a better idea. I'll sell the movie rights to this fiasco and recoup my losses. Any takers out there? Cash only, though. No checks.

(Editor's Note: In regard to the pot patch incident, we have contacted state authorities and will update you in the future.)

Jeramon non kom

"Jeramon non kom" is the Marshallese way to say, "Goodbye and good luck friends."

VIRGINIA VALEN departs Saturday on Aloha for Honolulu. She has been a dental hygienist at the Kwajalein Dental Clinic for 12 years.

"It has been a memorable 12 years filled with interesting experiences," she said. "The best part has been my wonderful Marshallese family and many friends whom I will miss."

LT. COL. RAY JONES, NANCY JONES and children SAM, 7, and NONA, 5, depart Thursday for Washington, D.C. They have been at Kwaj for a two-year tour.

Ray, who is range commander, will serve at the Pentagon as executive officer for the deputy director at Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications and Computers.

In farewell they say, "Thank you to everyone on island for making our tour so wonderful. A special *kommol* to the Marshallese drivers who were ever patient sharing the roads with the kids. Your attention to their safety meant a lot to us."

CW4 WESLEY E. HEDMAN leaves Kwaj Thursday on ATI with his wife, NATAYA, and son, ANDREW.

Wes was USAKA Aviation Safety officer for two years. He heads to Fort Rucker, Ala., to work as an accident investigator.

On leaving Kwaj, the Hedmans say, "We will miss the paradise, good friends and good times."

Lawson working on restructure at USAKA ...

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mander can approve an extension up to six months for employees under certain circumstances, such as one ready to retire.

In a July 20 *Stars and Stripes* article about a similar situation for U.S. Army civilians working in Korea, military personnel officials said there are a number of valid reasons for an exemption to be granted, including:

- Continued need for the employee's skills when there is a documented history of difficulty in filling the position.
- The need to maintain stability during mandated staff reductions or reorganizations.
- The requirement to retain an employee in order to complete a special project.

Lawson said none of these reasons necessarily apply to USAKA at this time. "We haven't had any major problems in filling positions," he noted.

Some employees are exempt from the five-year term limit. These include employees in designated positions requiring frequent contact with the host nation; family members accompanying military or DoD civilian employees; non-appropriated fund employees; GS-06 and below or nonsupervisory wage grade appropriated fund employees hired before Aug. 24, 1988, who remain continuously employed at or below those pay grades, according to the article.

Lawson said that despite the "learning curve" involved with turnover, "nobody is irreplaceable" and there is an upside to bringing fresh people. "The flip side is you

bring in people with new perspectives, new looks, new ideas ... It's not good or bad. It's just a change."

On the military side of the house, Sgt. Charles Johnson, USAKA Personnel specialist, said the military numbers are holding steady at 23 authorized positions. But turnover, with 18-month or two-year terms, is also high, especially during the summer months, he said, when families are on the move.

In the last two weeks, a number of military personnel have left and new ones have arrived to take their place. Lt. Col. Clarence E. Johnson replaced Lt. Col. Raymond Jones today as

commander of the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site in a change of command ceremony at Island Memorial Chapel. A new Host Nation chief, Maj. David Coffey, and provost marshal, Maj. Mark Harmon, have also just joined the ranks. 1st Sgt. Leroy Balag takes over from 1st Sgt. Billy Jarrell. CW4 Brent Hohbach and CW2 Wiley Blanton are also among the new faces.



Olen Lawson

Lawson said he does not see any further reductions in staff size in the future. In fact, he hopes to add a handful of employees as he works on a restructure of USAKA.

"No major shake-ups," he said, adding that the command is looking at the same basic organization, but manning it to meet the requirements of being successful. "Nothing is firm. We're looking at some proposals right now."

Lawson said one idea is to create a more specialized staff. Specifically, he's considering splitting the duties between those who are solely evaluators and employees who would only work on operations. He said right now employees have to wear too many hats, with just enough time to cover immediate needs but nothing in-depth.

"It offers us an opportunity to be a little more effective," he said. "From my perspective, there are certain areas where we need to concentrate."

Lawson identified evaluations as one of those areas needing emphasis.

Perhaps no one is asked to wear more hats than Lawson, who not only replaced Lt. Col. Dave Stoddard in April, but will

assume some of the duties handled by Bert Scott, Installation Management director, who PCSes soon thanks to the five-year term limit.

Lawson arrived here in April from Okinawa, Japan, where he served as executive officer of the 10th Army Support Group, in charge of base operations. At USAKA, Lawson oversees a variety of programs and the organizational structure, and is involved in quality of life issues, as well.

"I do the people part," he said. "That's part of my job: Getting out and observing what's happening in the community."

Accompanying Lawson on this tour are wife, Starr, and daughter, Erin, 19.

Harmon boasts extensive military police experience

By KW Hillis
Feature Writer

The military police corps was his first preference when Kwajalein's new provost marshal, Maj. Mark Harmon, entered the Army 16 years ago with degrees in both military justice and psychology.

"It's something I always wanted to do," Harmon said. "If I wasn't in the military, I would probably be in the FBI or some other type of law enforcement."

Harmon, his wife Kimberly and sons Bradley, 11, and Jacob, 6, arrived on Kwajalein from Fort Campbell, Ky., just over a week ago. Harmon took over the position from Maj. Paul Bezzek, who left the island last Tuesday just after the successful IFT-6 mission.

Harmon experienced many different aspects of law enforcement over his years in the Army. Among other assignments, he was a security officer on Johnston Island from 1987-1988, where he dealt with both Greenpeace and the former Soviet Union.

As a public affairs officer, working the chemical weapons convention from 1996-1999, he dealt with international inspectors in many parts of the world. He was the 716 military police battalion operations officer and the deputy division provost marshal for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at his last assignment.

Although a provost marshal at Fort Campbell, Harmon said this assignment is more about law enforcement.

"[At Fort Campbell] I ran military missions such as war-fighters, Bosnia and Kosovo rotations and Korea scenarios ... I have been on the tactical side for a while," Harmon said, adding that it is time for him to get back into law enforcement.

On Kwajalein Atoll, his job is also about security, and Harmon takes the
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"Nothing is firm. We're looking at some proposals right now."

— Olen Lawson
USAKA deputy garrison commander and chief of staff on the organization's restructuring

New Host Nation chief no stranger to overseas assignments

By KW Hillis
Feature Writer

Adventure and travel were two reasons Maj. David Coffey entered the Army's Special Forces over 12 years ago and two of his reasons for taking on the Host Nation chief, or Foreign Area Officer, position on Kwajalein Atoll.

"FAO has all the travel and other [good things]," Coffey said. "Even better, I can take my family with me now."

Coffey and two of his four children, Sean, 10 and Lindsey, 8, moved here from Fort Jackson, S.C., almost three weeks ago. His wife, Wendy, is still in the states finishing up her teaching certificate and will move to Kwajalein in early December, with their two youngest children, Gregory, 6 and Cecil, 2.

While in Special Forces, Coffey commanded three A-Teams at Fort Lewis, Wash., in both the 2nd and 3rd Battalions, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne). During these assignments, his teams deployed to many places including Haiti, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia. He then attended the Defense Language Institute in California to learn Vietnamese. He also has ratings in Thai and Laotian, but is most comfortable speaking Thai.

Coffey's last assignment was to finish his graduate degree in international studies with a focus on Southeast Asia at the University of South Carolina. The degree is part of the FAO training required to take on the Host



(Photo by KW Hillis)

Maj. David Coffey takes over as Host Nation chief, following a career in Army Special Forces.

Nation chief position.

Becoming a FAO takes at least three, and sometimes up to four and a half years, to complete because it requires language school, graduate school and in-country training, Coffey said. Although this position is completely different from his Special Forces assignments, he said he will draw on his former experiences to perform this job.

"I don't feel like I could have done this job with just FAO training," Coffey said. "Without previous experience overseas, I would have been ill-prepared for this job."

COMING FRIDAY: An interview with the new range commander, Lt. Col. Clarence E. Johnson.

His previous experience also speeded up his training.

"I got constructive credit for the [in-country training] because I have nine years living overseas," Coffey said. "I already had language, and already completed a third of graduate school on my own."

Since his arrival, Coffey has identified his biggest challenge.

"I've only been here two weeks, but I watch the people in USAKA riding their bicycles past the Marshallese and not waving or smiling," he said. "When I do wave and smile, the Marshallese smile right back, but they look a little shocked and surprised. I intend to do my best to do something about that while I'm here. [Build] a closer relationship, and I don't mean between governments, but between the people that work together. We're on adjacent islands yet have such separate lives."

A boat owner and scuba diver, Coffey is evaluating what hobbies he will focus on while stationed on Kwajalein.

One thing about Special Forces is that "your hobbies were your work," Coffey said. "My hobbies were jumping out of airplanes, scuba diving and travel. Since I don't do that for work anymore, I have to look at that ... I may get back into [diving] since my wife has shown an interest in it.. Regardless of what I do with whatever spare time I may have, I look forward to working and playing with all the people here."

Harmon takes over as provost marshal ...

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responsibility seriously.

"Anytime we have a mission ready to go off, one of my key focus areas will be security and the threat level here," Harmon said. "If something was to arise or there was a glitch in the system where there was a breach in security, that is on me."

Overall, Harmon sees his job here as a liaison, or go-between, for the island commander and the police department.

Moving to Kwajalein is very exciting to his whole family, said Harmon, because they all like the outdoors, the water and sports.

"One thing surprised my family," he said. "You hear about the dimensions of the island being just three miles long and a half a mile wide. We thought it was going to be smaller."

The close proximity of everyone on the island, the friendly atmosphere and the



(Photo by KW Hillis)

Maj. Mark Harmon serves as the new provost marshal. He worked in security at Johnston Island from 1997 to 1998.

more laid-back attitude are plusses after living in Fort Campbell where "people are going 100 miles an hour all the time," Harmon said.

Star Wars revisited

(New York Times, July 22, 2001) Twenty years after President Ronald Reagan created an international furor by proposing to place weapons in space, the Pentagon has put nearly every major element of the original program back in the center of its plans.

Two existing programs that are expected to be given huge funding increases involve lasers carried by planes and satellites. The chemically powered lasers were one of the earliest technologies proposed for shooting down missiles in space under the Star Wars program. A program to develop the lasers has been inching along toward a planned test involving an attempted missile shootdown in space by 2013, but Lt. Col. Rick Lehner, a spokesman for the BMDO, said that the target date for a launching is now sometime between 2008 and 2012.

Classified Ads and Community Notices

HELP WANTED

The following on-island positions are open with Raytheon. For more information or to submit a resumé or application, call HR employment, Andrea, 53705.

DOCUMENTATION SPECIALIST. Part-time, Education Dept. Position requires excellent computer and organizational skills, as well as attention to detail. Primary responsibility involves tracking/coordinating student records. Selected individual will be required to undergo a background criminal history check.

FOM SECRETARY. Full time. Responsibilities include answering phones, manifesting helicopter flights, processing travel requests, memos and letters, completing accident and lost/damage reports, ordering supplies, collecting and processing timecards, scheduling appointments, distributing mail and other administrative duties as assigned. Candidate should have the ability to prioritize and juggle many tasks on an on-going basis, work without supervision and take initiative in completing assigned projects. Must possess excellent computer, communication, writing and organizational skills.

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PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, Casual. Seeking qualified individual to work a few hours per week helping Kwaj patients with physical therapy. Flexible schedule. Experience in physical or occupational therapy required. Qualified candidates will be required to undergo a criminal background investigation.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, Elementary and high school. Casual. Teaching certificate preferred, but not required. Selected individuals will be required to undergo a background criminal history check.

Raytheon off-island positions are updated weekly in the Career Opportunities Book at the HR counter, Bldg. 700.

WANTED

HAND LINE fishing rigs, bucket and lures; jet ski and trailer. Call 53670.

SUMMER FUN needs some newspaper material for an art project. If you have any old newspaper around and you would like to contribute, deliver them to the Community Activities office above the bowling alley. Call 53331.

LOST

RED WINDBREAKER, embroidered on back with a large butterfly and the word Okinawa, front embroidered with name Judie. Call 54530.

40 CDs in case, July 17 at Pacific Club by TDY person. Call 52661.

BLACK PRESCRIPTION sunglasses on or near Taro St. Call Tony, 53697 or 51018.

PRESCRIPTION SUNGLASSES with green frame, at golf course. Call 57005.

DACOR VIPER TECH regulator with console, two to three weeks ago. Call 50225.

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FOUND

MEN'S PRESCRIPTION glasses, gold colored frame, "China" and "Dr. Dean Edell" printed on frame. Call 54445/54452.

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FOR SALE

1997 SEA DOO GTX jet ski, three-seater, 110 hp, comes with boathouse and many accessories, engine runs great. See at lot 34A. Call 52687.

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Tuesday 10 a.m.-noon
Wednesday 5-7 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m.-noon
Friday Closed
Saturday Closed

**Special hours by
appointment.
Call Susan, 58062.**

BOATING ORIENTATION



NOTE DATE CHANGE: The next boating orientation class is Wednesday and Friday in CRC Room 1. Fee is \$20 and attendance both nights is mandatory. Sign up at the Small Boat Marina or Community Activities. Call 54394

Classified Ads and Community Notices

\$1,600; orchids and other plants, \$5-\$50; roll of screening 48' x 48", \$20; wooden cutting table 73" x 29", \$40; seven shelves, \$15; Bible commentaries, 12 volumes, \$40. Call 53481 before 9 p.m.; leave a message.

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LOTS of "over-the-hill" lights and decoration; new purple outreach Magma bike, \$85. Call 54691.

BLINDSIDE STINGRAY wakeboard with improved cutting design to improve jumping, with Hiperlite 3060 bindings and carrying bag, \$600; Casio QV-link for windows digital camera, \$200; Scuba Pro men's large shortie wet suit and booties, \$40; tan carpet, 12' x 15', \$90; 55-gallon show aquarium with stand, lights and lots of extras, \$1,000 or best offer. Call 52295.

SEWING MACHINE, \$50; pony bottle, \$40; gown, size 12 misses, worn once, \$50; Junior Girl Scout uniform, size 12, \$10; bunk bed or loft, This End Up, \$200, reasonable offer considered, but packing out July 24; plywood bookshelf 36w x 42h, \$5; shelves, ironing board, \$5; antenna, \$5. Call 52837.

SONY TRINITRON 21' color TV with built in VCR. One year old, very nice condition, \$300. Call 58816 after 6 p.m.

DINGHY, FIBERGLASS floor and keel; Hudson Bay 340 foldable, 11'6", purchased new six months ago, only used a few times, includes paddles, repair kit and fully functional trailer, \$1,600; 1998 15hp Yamaha outboard, less than 10 hours, \$1,500. Call 51161 evenings.

SONY DVP-CX860 300+1 DVD player, new, \$450; 2000 GT Dyno Roadster Lowrider, \$600; new, 1998 Gary Fisher mountain bike, excellent condition, \$600. Call 54630.

KING-SIZE BED mattress, \$75; bookshelves, \$5-\$10. Call 52439.

PLANTS, small and medium sizes, some large \$5-\$25. Go by Qtrs. 407-B or call 52682.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

DUE TO marine mission support requirements the hyperbaric chamber is unavailable for routine usage from Thursday to next Wednesday, Aug. 1. Recreational diving is limited to 50 feet during this period. Questions, call 53752.

ISLAND ORIENTATION will be tomorrow from 8-11:30 a.m. in CAC room 6. All new island arrivals and dependents over the age of 10 are encouraged to attend. After island orientation, new arrivals should plan to join Host Nation for a trip to Ebeye, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Bring your lunch money and K-badge to tour the town. Women should wear long dresses or modest skirts. Contact Host Nation at 54848 with questions.

KRUPS COFFEE makers are being recalled. About 218,000 automatic drip coffeemakers have an electrical connection that can overheat and ignite the filter basket support, presenting a risk of fire and burn hazard to consumers. The automatic drip coffeemakers were sold under the Krups brand name. Only models 398 with a black or white exterior and 405 with a simulated wood-grain exterior are included in this recall. The model numbers are on the bottom of the coffeemaker. Consumers should unplug and stop using the coffeemakers immediately and contact Krups North America at 800-810-8687 any time to receive a free replacement coffeemaker.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: 7:15 a.m. mass on Sundays is changed to 7 a.m. until Sept. 1.

THERE HAVE been items left in the dental clinic. If you believe they belong to you, please come and identify them. Items include clothes, glasses and more. Anything not claimed will be given to Bargain Bazaar. ALCOHOLICS Anonymous meets on Roi-Namur at Tr. 8311, Tuesdays and Fridays, 7 p.m. (note time change). If you have a desire to quit drinking, call 56292 to leave a message. We will get back to you.

This week at Gilligan's

THURSDAY
Dart Tournament,
sign up by 7:15 p.m.
\$5 entrance fee

FRIDAY
DJ Chris Eskew
plays your
favorite music,
8-11 p.m.

SATURDAY
DJ Josh Bischoff
plays funk\soul\R&B,
8 p.m.-2 a.m.

SUNDAY
Last karaoke with
Harry Luckett,
8 p.m.-1 a.m.



University of Maryland

Term I

Academic Year 2001-2002

Aug. 20-Oct. 13

SPCH	100	Foundations of Speech Communication	VDeveer	T/Th
ENGL	391	Advanced Composition	VDeveer	W/F

Term I registration is Tuesday, Aug. 7, through Saturday, Aug. 18, from 1 to 5 p.m., in the University of Maryland office, Bldg. 368. Classes start Aug. 20. For information, call 52800. The schedule is subject to change at any time prior to registration. Contact the field representative for the latest Distance Education information. Questions? Call 52800 or e-mail us at umkwaj@kls.usaka.smdc.army.mil.

Note: University of Maryland accepts credit cards.

Small Arms Range Notice

The small arms range will be in operation Thursday, 8 a.m.-noon. Avoid the hazard area shown below.

All watercraft must observe the red flags on the southwest end of the island.



See you at the movies!

Saturday

Duck Tales: The Movie — Treasure of the Lost Lamp (G, 1990)

Story centers on an archaeological trek for a genie's lamp that can, among other things, make ice cream fall from the sky, pitting Uncle Scrooge McDuck against the evil Merlock. (Voices of Alan Young, Christopher Lloyd, Rip Taylor, June Foray) (73 minutes)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Everyone Says I Love You (R, 1996)

Director Woody Allen returns to his successful formula of wit, neuroses and music, but with a twist, bringing the music to the forefront of this comic production. Allen pays homage to the way musicals used to be made, back to an era when stars without great voices were occasionally forced to sing. The plot centers around a sprawling, Allensque family, with lots of divorced parents and stepchildren. (Woody Allen, Natasha Lyonne, Julia Roberts, Goldie Hawn, Alan Alda, Drew Barrymore) (101 minutes)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

Marvin's Room (PG-13, 1996)

Bessie and Lee are two sisters who have gone their separate ways are reunited under stressful circumstances. Bessie, who gave up her life 20 years ago to care for sick family members, has been diagnosed with leukemia. She needs a bone marrow transplant from a family member. Lee makes the trip to see her sister, bringing with her the two sons that she raised alone. (Meryl Streep, Leonardo DiCaprio, Diane Keaton, Hal Scardino) (98 minutes)

Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

Sunday

Marvin's Room (PG-13, 1996)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Everyone Says I Love You (R, 1996)

Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Monday

Duck Tales: The Movie — Treasure of the Lost Lamp (G, 1990)

Richardson Theater 7:30 p.m.

Everyone Says I Love You (R, 1996)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

For movie updates, call 52700.



Kent DeGroff captured the Venus occultation by the moon using a Nikon 950 digital camera mounted on a six-inch f/3.9 reflector with a 50mm eyepiece, using the afocal method.

(Photo by
Kent DeGroff)

Local astronomers watch Venus eclipse

By Peter Rejcek

Associate Editor

It appears science may have to wait for another time before the mystery of the ashen light of Venus is solved.

The occultation of Venus by the moon early Wednesday morning captured the imagination of astronomers locally and around the world. Not only was the event rare, but it offered the possibility of resolving the issue of Venus' ashen light. Telescopic observers have claimed for centuries to see a faint glow on the dark side of Venus during its crescent phase.

Bob Carson, Optical Instrumentation Systems manager and amateur astronomer, said the Super RADOTS on Kwaj and Roi could not see the ashen light if it was there.

"We were only partially successful ... in observing the occultation," he said in an e-mail to Roger W. Sinnott, who wrote an article on the event for "Sky and Telescope."

"Our video cameras are not designed to

record extremely faint objects, and were not capable of seeing the earthshine on the moon, even at the highest gain settings," Carson explained. Earthshine is light from the Earth illuminating the nighttime lunar landscape.

"Several people set up their own telescopes at other locations around the island," Carson added. "No one reported seeing the ashen light."

Among the folks awake for the 4:21 a.m. event was Kent DeGroff, who captured the phenomenon on digital camera.

"There were thin clouds present during all exposures," he said. "It was quite a sight visually."

Sinnott told Carson he was not disappointed in the attempt.

"Belgian astronomer Jean Meeus recently told me there are only three more times in the coming decade when the ashen light might be imaged under similar — highly favorable — circumstances, so I feel the attempt was well worth it," he said.

WEATHER

Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers late.

Winds: East at 6 to 12 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny with isolated showers.

Winds: East at 10 to 15 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

Temperature: Tonight's low 78°
Tomorrow's high 86°

July rain total: 5.40"

Annual rain total: 23.29"

Annual deviation: -23.50"

Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.



Sun • Moon • Tides



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday July 24	0639/1912	0947/2224	0630, 6.0' 1900, 4.8'	0010, 0.7' 1258, 0.5'
Wednesday July 25	0639/1912	1043/2312	0713, 5.6' 1945, 4.6'	0054, 1.0' 1339, 0.8'
Thursday July 26	0640/1912	1137/2357	0757, 5.1' 2036, 4.4'	0141, 1.3' 1423, 1.2'
Friday July 27	0640/1911	1229/ 1st Qtr. Moon	0846, 4.5' 2137, 4.2'	0235, 1.8' 1512, 1.6'